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**Testimony on HB 5660
Michigan Senate
Committee on Regulatory Reform**

June 5, 2012

Dear Senators,

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters opposes HB 5660 because it will result in an increase in the litter which finds its way onto our riverbanks, roadsides and beaches.

The Michigan Bottle Bill was a voter-initiated measure designed, and successful, in reducing roadside litter and promoting recycling. HB 5660 would undo that some of that success.

It would allow the new "Party in a Pouch" drinks an unfair market advantage by bypassing the 10-cent deposit, encouraging other beverage makers to sell their product in similar hard-to-recycle packages, resulting in more overall litter.

Second, by encouraging more use of these pouch containers, this bill will discourage the use of more easily recycled bottles and cans. Even for those containers which are not littered, they will add more volume to Michigan landfills.

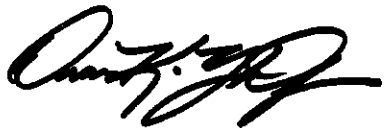
We recognize retailers' concerns, and believe there are opportunities for solutions on this issue. Therefore, we urge you not to rush this bill into law before those opportunities can be explored, so that we may arrive at the policy which is best for Michigan and upholds its tradition of being a national leader on this issue.

HB 5660, as written, discourages recycling and encourages the use of materials which are not easily recycled, which will result in a greater volume of trash and litter.

Therefore, Michigan LCV opposes HB 5660.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew YoungeDyke", with a stylized, cursive script.

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